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Attend a lecture by Glenn Rhoades entitled, *Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP): Hardening our Power Grid, on Friday, Aug. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Colorado Mesa University's Montrose Campus.*

By Caitlin Switzer

MONTROSE-How long would you survive if the electrical power grid were to fail?

In this age of creature comforts, few of us give much thought to the possibility of an Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) or transient electromagnetic disturbance (defined as a short burst of electromagnetic energy). Still, an EMP could be devastating to those who have become dependent on electricity not only for light, heat, and comfort, but for daily survival.

Colorado Mesa University Professor Don Davidson hopes that all who are interested in surviving an EMP will attend an upcoming lecture by Glenn Rhoades entitled, *Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP): Hardening our Power Grid, on Friday, Aug. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Colorado Mesa University's Montrose Campus.* Sandwiches

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WITH NEW EVENT MANAGER ON BOARD, MONTROSE COUNTY EVENT CENTER GEARS UP FOR FAIR, SWEET CORN FEST

By Caitlin Switzer

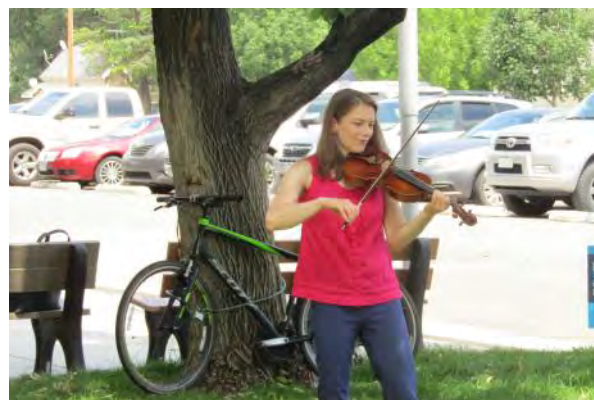
MONTROSE-Montrose County's new Event Manager Sarah Fishing has started at a very busy time, Fairgrounds & Event Center Director Emily Sanchez said, with the Montrose County Fair coming up July 22-27, and the Olathe Sweet Corn Festival coming up Aug. 3.

Still, "Sarah hit the ground running," Sanchez said. "She brings efficiency and will help us with procedures, and she is obviously great with customers."

With the **Montrose County Fair** celebrating 133 years, there is plenty of excitement as the community anticipates Fair week 2019, from animal check-in and 4H projects to the Friday night concert by the Gary Russell Band and Saturday night's CPRA RAM Rodeo. This year's theme is "Where I come from."

"The Fair Board is doing a great job this year," Sanchez said. "There are a lot of sponsors, and lots of awards for the kids. We'll have live music every day. And almost everything is free."

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Above, Fiddle Contest Judge Eden Rolland practiced before the 2018 contest. The popular fiddle contest returns to the 2019 Montrose County Fair. Mirror file photo.

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OUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET: 'WE'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF OUR KIDS'

By Caitlin Switzer

REGIONAL-Statistics recently released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation [show that 12 percent](#) of Colorado youth under age 18 are living in poverty, compared to 18 percent nationwide. With 1.26 million Coloradans now under the age of 18, Colorado ranks 20th in overall child well-being nationally, the [2019 KIDS COUNT Data Book](#) notes; "The state's strong economy compensates for stagnation in other areas, including certain health indicators and academic achievement."

The 2019 KIDS COUNT Colorado news release states, "Colorado received one of the lowest ranks (41) among states in child health, despite its reputation as a healthy place to live for adults."

Still, fewer Colorado children are now living in households with a high housing cost burden (more than 30 percent of income), decreasing from 39 percent in 2010 to 31 percent in 2017. Statewide, teen births are down to 16 percent.

How do local communities rate when it comes to the well-being of children and youth? County-level data released through the Colorado Children's Campaign's [2018 KIDS COUNT report](#) shows similarities and some key differences between Montrose and neighboring Delta County. Here in Montrose, the most recent count shows 9,370 residents under the age of 18, making up 22.6 percent of the total population. Of those, 23.7 percent are living in poverty; 65.8 percent are receiving WIC vouchers; and 49.7 percent of local K-12 students qualify for free and reduced lunches. Teen births per 1,000 are 29.8, and the rate of child abuse per 1,000 is 19.9. The number out-of-home placements per 1,000 is 7. The high school graduation rate is 80.9 percent.

In Delta County, the most recent count shows 6,100 residents under the age of 18, making up 22.7 percent of the total population. Of those, 24.2 percent are

living in poverty; 41.4 percent are receiving WIC vouchers; and 54.6 percent of local K-12 students qualify for free and reduced lunches. Teen births per 1,000 are 19.3, and the rate of child abuse per 1,000 is 11.7. The number of out-of-home placements per 1,000 is 16.4. The high school graduation rate is 88 percent.

Bleak statistics notwithstanding, there are some real advantages for young people growing up in rural communities. As a longtime health care provider in both Montrose and Delta counties, Pediatric Associates has emphasized preventive care as a means of staying in touch with young people as they grow, Practice Manager Amber Hickert said. "Overall, the state is low on the preventive care side," she said, noting that regular, preventive health and wellness care can improve a child's overall quality of life. "We're actually doing better with that on the Western Slope than they are on the Front Range," Hickert said. Milestone visits, regular checkups, and sports physicals provide an ongoing connection to a confidential source of care that potentially could save a life. "Our role is to help kids navigate," Hickert said. "If they come in even once and speak to a doctor, they can share any concerns they have."

Health care providers can answer questions that a young person might not be comfortable asking a parent, she said.

"We help parents too," Hickert said. "If children are getting what they need at home, there is less likelihood that they will try drugs when they are older."

One of the most important things that a parent or caregiver can do is to talk with their child, Montrose Police Department Commander Matt Smith said. "Everyone in a kid's life—whether a parent, a doctor, a teacher, or an old lady at the store—if they are willing to talk, it means we are all working together to make sure kids are safe," Smith said. "The more eyes on our



Montrose Patrol Officer Kaitlyn Danielson speaks to a child at the 2018 Fourth of July Parade. Mirror file photo.

kids, the better off we are all going to be as a community." For past generations, underage drinking was considered a grave danger. Now, that has been overshadowed by drugs and the dangers that lurk on the Internet. "Social media, bullying, school violence, and drugs have taken over," Smith said.

"Everyone has a powerful computer in their hand these days," he said. "Drug use has always been one of the biggest dangers out there, and now there is the danger of being groomed for crime and exploitation on the Internet. A lot of people on the Internet are predatorial in nature."

Communication and education can help adults make a positive difference in a child's life, he said. "Just talk to them; here are the dangers, here's what we can do better. It's hard to talk about some things but being afraid to talk can have tough consequences."

Police officers can help too, he said. "Maybe we can give people more tools to help kids. Our School Resource Officers, for example, try to reach kids at a very early age.

"We have two SRO's here," Smith said, "but I wish we had 20. It's important to us that kids are safe. They are our most valuable asset—we've got to take care of our kids."



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LONGTIME DCI EDITORIAL TEAM RETIRES



For 32 years, the Sunderland Family owned and published the Delta County Independent before selling the DCI to Wick Communications in April. On Friday, July 12, the editorial team of Pat and Randy Sunderland officially stepped down, and will soon enjoy a well-earned retirement.

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and water will be provided.

The possibility of an EMP was the subject of an [executive order](#) issued by President Donald Trump on March 26, concerning the coordination of resilience to electromagnetic pulses. According to the EMP Task Force, "The threat of the U.S. power grid crashing is a very real but preventable problem, but the average American has no idea of the severity of vulnerability under which we live. Experts say our power grid can be destroyed and, when that happens, 70-90 percent of the U.S. population will die within the first year. Experts also say it is not a mere possibility but a near certainty that the grid will be hit and it could happen at any time."

Davidson, an educator and researcher, heard a talk about EMP's on a radio show and became interested in learning more. "What could happen if we lost our power for days, weeks, or even months? A lot of big time people are saying that we need to

harden our power grid," Davidson said. "There are a lot of players on this planet who may not have our best interests at heart."

As he became more aware of the possibilities, Davidson offered the use of his classroom to Rhoades, who serves on the EMP Task Force.

"I am no expert, but I can facilitate," Davidson said. "Some people have blinders on, but there are things that need to be discussed...we need to think about this and put things in place to keep it from happening."

Even cell phones will not be reliable in the event of an EMT, he noted. "If you are planning to communicate on a cell phone in an emergency, you don't have a clue."

Still in the event of a catastrophic EMP, small town residents may have a better chance of survival, Davidson noted. And there are in-home devices that can help to harden the grid "one toaster at a time," he

said.

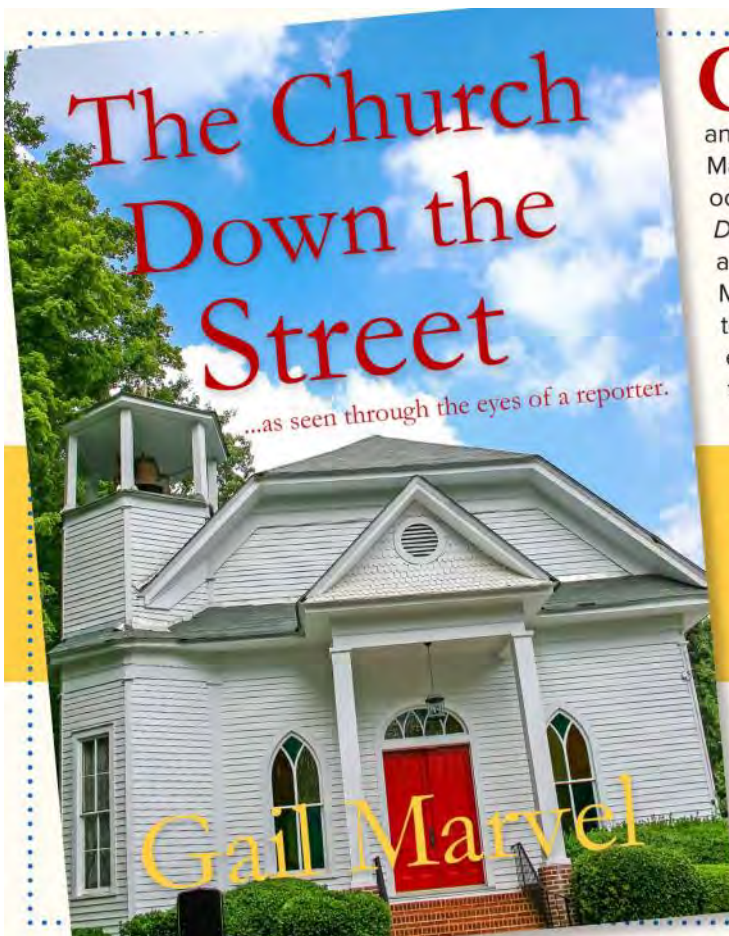
"Wouldn't it be neat if we could be the test case for how a community hardens its power grid?" he asked.

After all, the entire nation is at risk. The EMP Task Force was created in October of 2000 by Congress to assess the situation, with a series of reports issued between 2004 and 2008, Speaker Glenn Rhoades said.

"Ninety-nine percent of the U.S. Military is dependent on the civilian grid," Rhoades said. "A terrorist attack is not something we should joke about or take lightly."

The grid can and must be hardened as soon as possible. "Extremes in the electromagnetic spectrum could cause a catastrophic event," he said. "Even a nationwide blackout could kill a large percentage of the population."

"We have no backups," Rhoades said. "That's the problem."



On the Western Slope of Colorado, within a 20-mile radius of the City of Montrose, there are more than 70 churches and houses of worship. Over a 2½-year period, reporter Gail Marvel visited most of these congregations on two separate occasions, resulting in approximately 120 visits. *The Church Down the Street* is a compilation of these visits organized in a topical format — Hospitality, Program & Source Material, Music, Meditations & Invitations, and The Message. Similar to the Apostle Paul writing about the church through the eyes of an apostle, *The Church Down the Street* is about the church as seen through the eyes of a reporter.

Gail Marvel's new book, *The Church Down the Street*, is now available online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [wingedpublications.com](https://www.wingedpublications.com).

GAIL MARVEL

Montrose Author & Reporter



The individual stories of these visits were published in *The Montrose Mirror* and the archived stories, *Experiencing the Church* series (issues 90–150); and *Houses of Worship* series (issues 197–250), can be found at www.montrose.mobi/.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: COMMENTARY

DESPITE SKY-HIGH SALARIES, DMEA CEO & COO HAVE NOT DELIVERED

Mirror staff editorial

REGIONAL-Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) announced in June that it will increase rates to consumers, in a [Powerlines](#) column by Chief Executive Officer Jasen Bronec (whose salary now exceeds \$300K annually). In his column, Bronec repeatedly blames all of the cooperative's financial troubles on the rates charged by power supplier Tri-State Generation & Transmission, rather than on his own leadership.

Sources close to the organization, on the other hand, note that DMEA's legal fees have skyrocketed in recent years along with its executive salaries.

Even DMEA Board members draw generous compensation. Current DMEA Board


President William Patterson alone was paid compensation of \$14,625 in 2017, the most recent year for which DMEA's Form 990 is available to the public. That Form also lists DMEA's mission: "We energize and serve our communities by ensuring the safety of members/employees; providing competitive rates with quality service and reliability; maximizing efficiencies; promoting local economic development; being nimble as we investigate and pursue energy options."


With Elevate Fiber apparently draining the electric cooperative's coffers (and no longer being actively deployed in Montrose), it's time to ask the tough questions: if the current staff was hired for their "nimble" financial and business expertise,

they have obviously not delivered on those expectations. Predicted revenues have failed to manifest, but Bronec and Chief Operating Officer Virginia Harman (whose higher education is limited to a Bachelor's degree) continue to draw six figure salaries in a region where more than half of local students qualify for free and reduced lunches and where 23.7 percent of children under age 18 are living in poverty. Perhaps it's time to hold Mr. Bronec and Ms. Harman, rather than Tri-State, accountable for the mess they have made. After all, Bronec is now paid 1/3 of a million dollars per year, or more than \$25,000 per month.

Why shouldn't we expect him to measure up?




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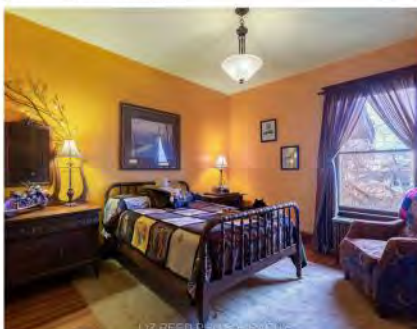
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COUNTY EVENT CENTER GEARS UP FOR FAIR, SWEET CORN From pg 1

The Fair may be turning 133, but some things just never get old. "I am excited about the CPRA Rodeo," Sanchez said. "It's always a sold-out show, and it's cool to see everybody come out for a local event."

Adult tickets are \$10 for the CPRA RAM Rodeo and for the Gary Russell Band Concert. See the updated event schedule in this issue of the Mirror, or visit them on [Facebook](#) to learn more.

Coming up Aug. 3 is the **Olathe Sweet Corn Festival**, to be held at the Montrose County Event Center for the first time. The festival will have an indoor/outdoor feel this year, Sanchez said. "They will have the corn roasting outdoors, and you can walk through the rollout doors into the Event Center."

This year's Olathe Sweet Corn Festival will be headlined by Craig Campbell, and all of the delicious, fresh, Olathe Sweet sweet corn will be donated by Tuxedo

Farms. With a limited number of tickets available, this year's festival is expected to sell out.

"We want everybody to come and have a good time," Sanchez said. "It's really a good fit; the festival will continue to support Olathe. We really want it to be an enjoyable experience for everybody; it's good for the community and good for Olathe."

And with plentiful precipitation and sunshine, this year's sweet corn crop should be as flavorful as ever.

Said Sweet Corn Festival Director Kyle Martinez, "I spoke with David and John Harold this week and we will have plenty of Olathe Sweet Sweet Corn at the 2019 festival. Harvest will start later than normal this year, but the corn is coming along nicely and should be nice and sweet by August 3rd." Also, while the basic format of the festival will remain the same, "We are substantially increasing the amount of



Expect plenty of Olathe Sweet sweet corn at the 2019 Olathe Sweet Corn Festival, taking place at the Montrose County Event Center. File photo by Nancy Gibbins.

free activities for kids this year," Martinez said.

Tickets are [available online, at BlackCanyonTickets.com](#).

MIRROR IMAGES...STORM DAMAGE



An old cottonwood tree collapses on a rental home in the 1200 block of South 5th after the July 13 downpour. Photo by Gail Marvel.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

MONTROSE CITY COUNCIL HAS IT BACKWARDS; PUBLIC SAFETY, SANITATION & HEALTH MUST COME FIRST

Editor:

Have you ever wondered why the citizens of Montrose are so cynical about their elected and appointed governing bodies? Why they seem 'not to care'? Maybe the answer lies in our recent history. I would bet that the cynics amount to half the population with the other half not having been here over the past ten years and don't have any idea of Montrose politics.

JETAWAY, EXTRA AIRCRAFT, THE HOSPITAL SUIT AND THE ARENA are just a few of the travesties that our prior Board of County Commissioners foisted onto the Montrose public. The first three were put to rest by persistent citizen action against the politicians and were left with the last abomination as a "get even" action by the miserable outgoing commissioners. The newly-elected board had to figure what to do with the 'punishment' we got for our obstreperous objection to their predecessors' governance.

There is a huge building that needs lights on in the daytime because there are no skylights (unlike Walmart), that has no business plan and which will cost Montrose County a million plus dollar a year loss for the indeterminate future. Folks might justifiably wonder why such a poorly thought out, prodigal expenditure of tax money was so necessary that the outgoing BOCC needed to ram it through at their last meeting. At least the new board has tried to fix it.

But now to the 'city fathers and mothers.' Apparently there is not a tax dollar that they do not feel comfortable sending on a chase after something 'nice-to-have.'

I am convinced that the only reason that our streets are paved is because they drive on them.

These stalwart citizens who obviously want only 'to do what is best for their community' fail to understand the first three requirements of the city govern-

ment that they were elected to run. Enumerated they are 1) Public Safety, 2) Sanitation, 3) Public Health.

Nowhere in those three missions can we find any mention of a) promoting business, b) housing the homeless, c) financially supporting private enterprise, d) providing an amphitheater, e) providing half million dollar potties in the park, f) pedestrian tunnels for bike paths, g) a golf course or h) public entertainment.

The first and foremost charge to city government is 'protection of the public.' Period. No excuses. No doing so only if the public provides more money through an additional tax.

Simply put, our city council has it all backwards! Citizens of Montrose, stand up for the re-direction of our city's expenditure of public funds.

Demand that our city council do it right BEFORE we vote on any tax increases.

Bill Bennett, Montrose



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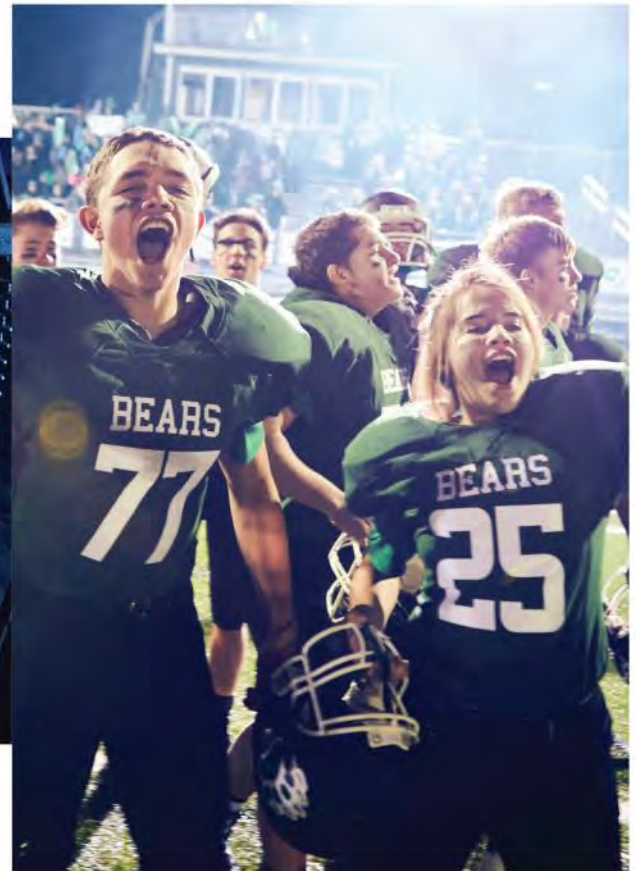
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Mirror Staff Report

MONTROSE-The Montrose City Council will hold a [work session](#) on Monday, July 15 and a [regular meeting](#) on Tuesday, July 16.

WORK SESSION

Five new employees will be introduced at the work session of July 15. Joining the City team are Utilities Worker Tyler Good; Patrol Officer Troy Tomasko; Animal Shelter Technician Shelly Robillard; Fleet Division Superintendent Shane Brandt, and Deputy City Clerk Mikayla Unruh.

Discussion items will include Municipal Code 6-2-5 Animals Prohibited; the proposed public safety sales tax; replacement of a hydrogritter at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and a special events alcohol permit for FUNC Fest.

Included in the work session packet is a report from the Montrose County Housing Authority.

Items to be discussed in future work sessions or meetings include:

Aug. 6-2018 Audit Presentation; Uncompahgre Pedestrian Bridge Construction Contract recommendation; Second Quar-

ter Police Report; and Sales, Use & Excise Tax Report for May of 2019.

Aug. 20-Second Quarter Budget Review; Housing Needs Analysis Report.

REGULAR MEETING

At the regular meeting of July 16, Council will consider adopting **Resolution 2019-19**, to notify the Montrose County Clerk of their intention to authorize a ballot question for the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November, 2019, for the purpose of imposing a citywide Public Safety Improvements Sales Tax to address critical and immediate needs of the City of Montrose Police Department.

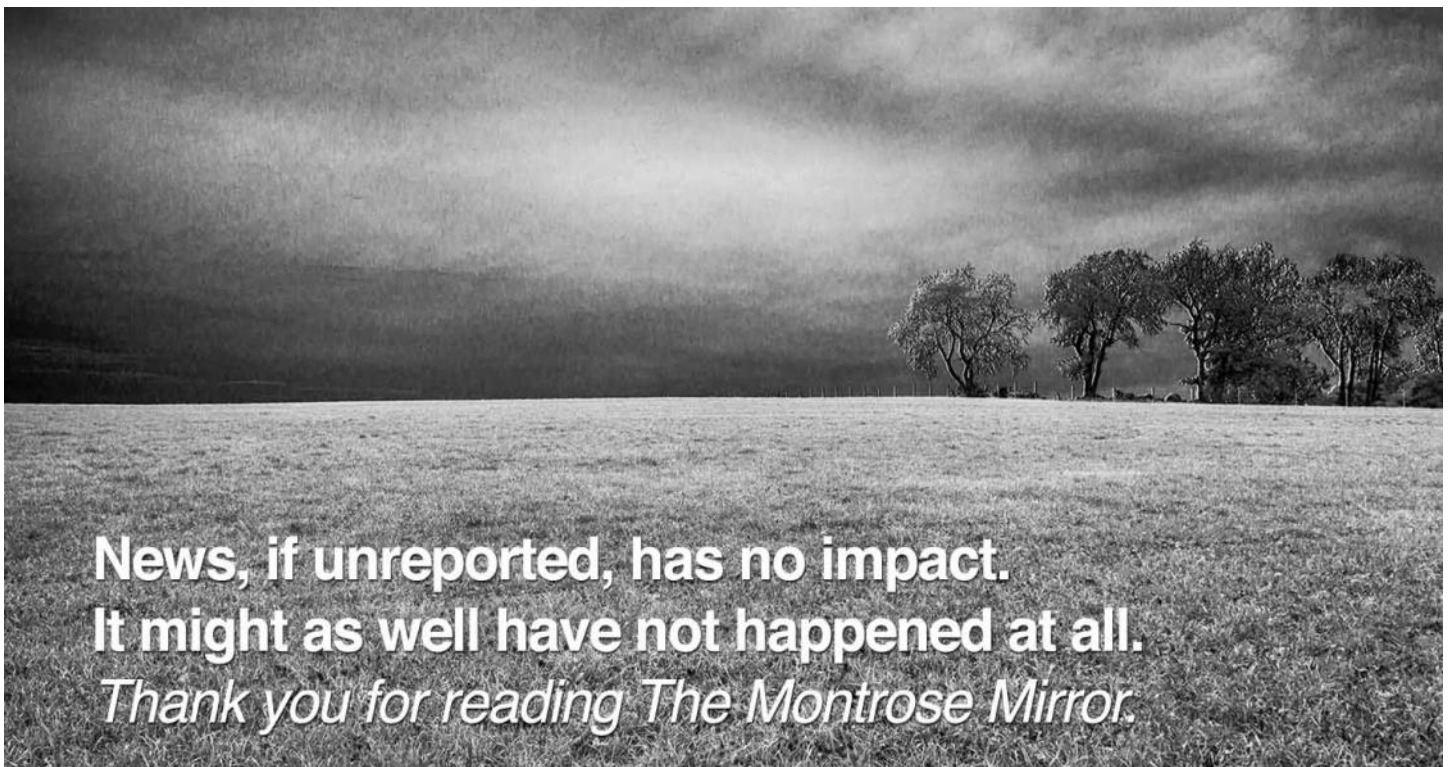
Council will consider adopting **Resolution 2019-20**, authorizing the City of Montrose Police Department to file a Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Grant through the 7th Judicial District Victims Assistance Board for the total of \$28,000, to cover a portion of the Victim Advocate's Salary; authorizing the Chief of Police to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as required; and authorizing the City Manager, Chief of Police and Finance



Montrose Mayor Dave Bowman. Mirror file photo.

Director to sign the grant application and reporting documents. Also to be considered are **Ordinance 2483** on second reading, for the annexation of the Horsefly Addition; and Ordinance 2484 on second reading, providing for the zoning of the Horsefly Addition as an "I-1", Light Industrial District. Council will consider approving the **purchase of two monumental bronze sculptures**, "Where Eagles Dare," and "Bad Decision," by Wyoming Artist Vic Payne, from the current owner, for continued display in the downtown area.

Following staff reports, Council will adjourn.



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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO MEET JULY 18 - 19 IN TELLURIDE

Special to the Mirror

DENVER - The Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission will discuss the annual review of "Parks and Outdoor Recreation Lands" regulations, annual review of "Passes, Permits and Registrations" regulations, "General Provisions" regulations, State Land Board PAP lease, 2019-2020 Snowmobile Capital Grants Funding, Trapping Dispatch Research update, Final Recommendations on Big Game Season Structure, Colorado Wildlife Habitat Program RFP update, potential 2020 draw changes, an update on wolverines, and an update on the IPAWS purchasing system.

The Commission will also discuss how big game populations work, harvest strategies to achieve Herd Management Plan objectives, Non-motorized Trail Program comments and concerns, and Wildlife Considerations and Trail Planning at its July meeting.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on July 18 at Peaks Resort and Spa's Big Billie Ballroom, 136 Country Club Drive, in Telluride. The meeting will resume at 8:30 a.m. at the same location on July 19 and adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

Additional agenda items include:

Department of Agriculture Update

Department of Natural Resources Update

Financial Update

GOCO Update

[A complete agenda](#) for this meeting can be found on [the CPW website](#).

The commission meets regularly and travels to communities around the state to facilitate public participation. Anyone can [listen to commission meetings](#) through the CPW website. This opportunity keeps constituents informed about the development of regulations and how the commission works with Colorado Parks and Wildlife staff to manage the parks, wildlife and outdoor recreation programs administered by the agency. Find out more about the commission on [the CPW website](#).

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

STATE NOW ON TRACK TO BECOME A MODEL EMPLOYER FOR “EMPLOYMENT FIRST” PROGRAM

Special to the Mirror

DENVER-The Department of Labor and Employment announced last week that Colorado has been selected as one of a growing number of states that will participate in an innovative national program to help people with disabilities obtain Competitive, Integrated Employment (CIE).

Even in a strong economy, people with disabilities are often unemployed or at least underemployed. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that in 2018, the proportion of the disabled population that was employed was 19.1 percent. In contrast, the employment to population ratio for those without a disability was 65.9 percent.

Improving the disability employment statistics in Colorado will take a concerted effort but it can certainly be done. That is the ambitious goal of a national movement called Employment First. The movement is centered on the belief that all citizens, including even those with significant disabilities, are capable of full participation in employment and community life and that Competitive Integrated Employment is the first and preferred outcome, regardless of the level of disability.

In February, Colorado’s Joint Budget Committee appropriated three years of funding to the Department of Labor and Employment’s Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to implement key Employment First strategies.

Among the strategies was the creation of an Office of Employment First that will be a center of excellence and accountability for Employment First policies, practices and implementation. With its establishment, the state is now receiving technical assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy and no-cost consultation from a network of national experts.

A second strategy was developing an Employment First Initiative that will allow Colorado State Government to lead by example. Colorado’s goal is to be recognized as a “Model Employer” by hiring more people with disabilities. The action is designed to encourage more private sector employers to invest in diversity as a business asset.

Among the other strategic priorities is capacity planning. As the program grows and expands, it will require flexibility to meet increased capacity needs. A website

will be developed to increase outreach; information and training resources for families and individuals must be designed and implemented and, of course, sustainable funding is necessary to ensure that the Employment First Initiatives achieve traction and results in year-over-year job gains and equitable employment for people with disabilities.

“Our Division of Vocational Rehabilitation will be a key player at every step in the Employment First program,” says Department of Labor and Employment Executive Director Joe Barela. “But success won’t be achieved by one agency. It will demand a coordinated effort of several agencies and more than one level of government. The Employment First approach is a framework aimed at encouraging a more cross-cut and integrated approach to getting people with disabilities into employment and self-sufficiency. We’re excited about the work ahead.”

[Links to Additional Documents:](#)

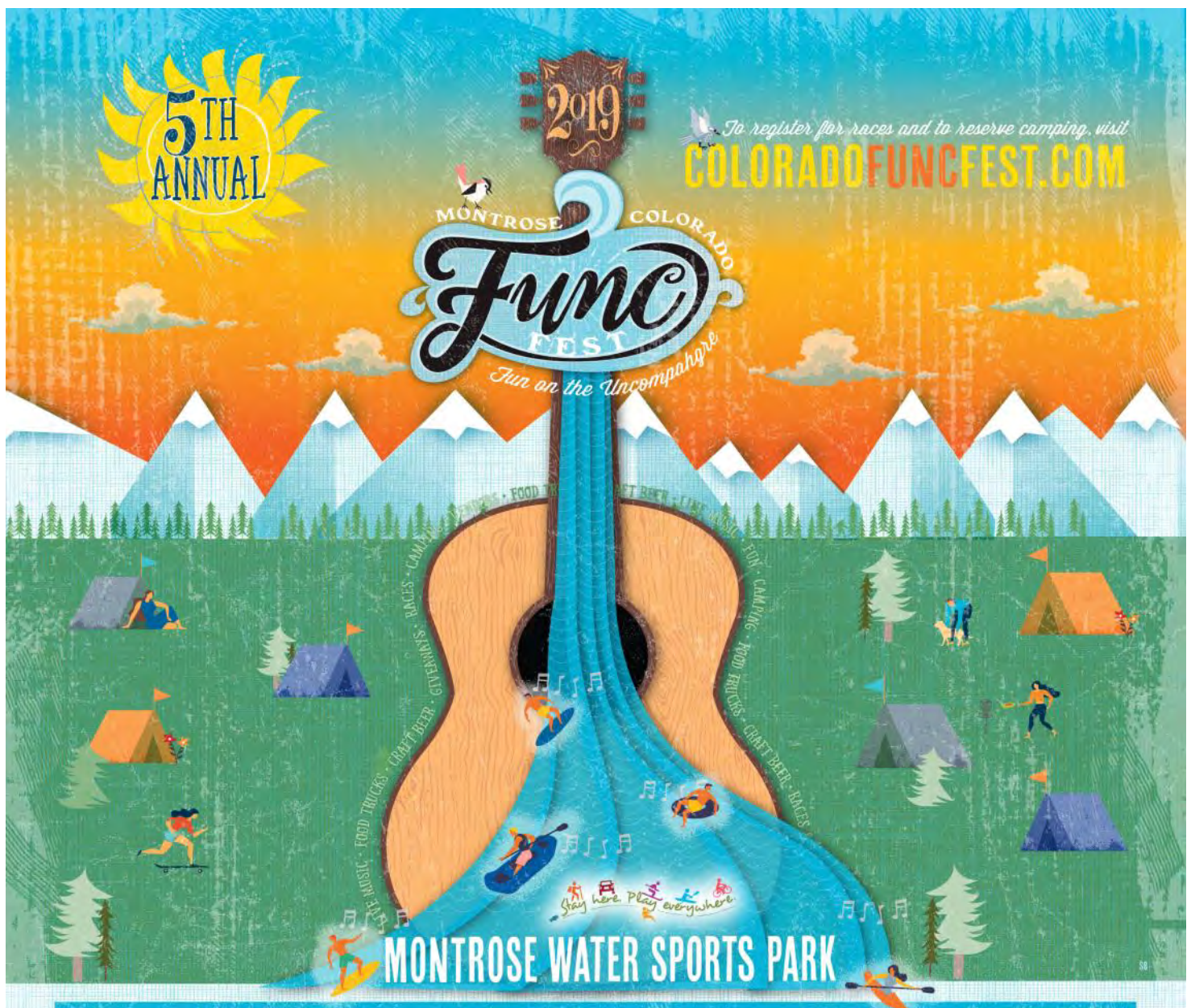
[The full 2018 annual report can be found here.](#)

Governor Polis has declared the month of July “Employment First” Month in Colorado. [Read the proclamation here.](#)



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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

HELP LOCATE SUSPECT WHO ALLEGEDLY ROBBED ALTA CONVENIENCE STORE

Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers

MONTROSE—Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers, Inc. and the Montrose Police Department are seeking the help of citizens to identify and locate the suspect who allegedly robbed the Alta Convenience Store on S. Townsend Ave.

On Thursday morning July 11, at 2:21 a.m., the Montrose Police Department was dispatched to 938 South Townsend Avenue for a reported armed robbery of the business at that location.

The male suspect was reportedly dressed all in black with a multicolored bandana covering his face. It was also reported that the suspect had a firearm in his possession during the incident. The suspect reported-

ly left the scene before officers were alerted to the incident. Officers were not able to locate any persons in the area matching the description provided.

According to an employee of the business, the male suspect approached him with the firearm visible, made some comments, and directed the employee to the store's register.

The weapon used was a revolver handgun. The suspect threatened the employee during the event and ultimately left the business on foot with currency taken from the register.

Anyone with information about this crime or the identity of the perpetrator(s) or any other crimes may call Crime Stop-

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If the Tip results in an arrest, the Tipster may receive a cash award. For additional information, please view our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/montroseregionalcrimestoppers. Crime prevention and crime solution are everyone's responsibility.

MRCS wants to remind everyone that all persons of interest depicted in Alerts by photos or by other means, are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

INFORMATION SOUGHT IN SHOOTING ON HIGHWAY 50

Montrose Regional Crime Stoppers

MONTROSE—At 10:22pm on Tuesday, July 9th, deputies responded to a report of gunshots at mile marker 81 on Highway 50.

A woman and a juvenile were driving northbound on Highway 50 when another vehicle drove up next to the victim's car. A suspect or suspects opened a window in their vehicle and began shooting at the victim's vehicle.

The victim dialed 911 while continuing to drive and met authorities in the 900 block of Main Street in Delta. The suspect vehi-

cle may have followed the victim's car, but was not located. The victim sustained minor injuries from broken glass and the juvenile was unharmed. The suspect vehicle is believed to be a white two or four-door sedan. The case remains under investigation, and the Montrose County Sheriff's Office is seeking information regarding this incident. Anyone with knowledge of this incident is urged to call dispatch at 970-252-4020 or they may call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 970-249-8500, use the free mobile app P3 Tips, or provide information via P3tips.com.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TRI-STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO PLACE COOPERATIVE UNDER FERC RATE REGULATION

Special to the Mirror

WESTMINSTER-The board of directors of Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, a wholesale power supply cooperative serving wholesale power to member electric cooperatives and public power districts in four states, took action at its July meeting that will place the cooperative under wholesale rate regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

"Tri-State is rapidly changing to increase flexibility for our members and develop an ever cleaner and greener resource portfolio," said Tri-State Chairman Rick Gordon. "As we transition, our cooperative will benefit from lower costs and greater efficiency by having a single, consistent rate regulator across all the states in which we operate."

Public utilities subject to FERC regulation must charge rates that are "just and reasonable" and "not unduly discriminatory or preferential." FERC regulation of Tri-State would eliminate inconsistent rate treatment across the states. Historically, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico and Wyoming did not exercise rate-regulation over Tri-State. In recent years both Colorado and New Mexico have exercised rate jurisdiction, which resulted in increased costs, unrecovered revenue and inconsistent rates to its members.

FERC regulates all wholesale electric service and transmission providers with few exceptions

Under the Federal Power Act, FERC regulates the rates of almost all wholesale

electric service and transmission providers. The board's action aligns the regulation of Tri-State's wholesale rates with the rate regulation of other wholesale power suppliers.

Regionally, the FERC regulates the wholesale rates of Xcel Energy/Public Service Company of Colorado, Public Service of New Mexico, PacifiCorp/Rocky Mountain Power, Black Hills Energy, Southwestern Public Service and El Paso Energy. Across the nation, other generation and transmission cooperatives that are subject to active regulation in multiple states are also FERC regulated.

Under the Federal Power Act, Tri-State had been exempt from FERC rate regulation of its wholesale rates because it was previously a Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrower or because it was wholly-owned by small electric cooperatives. In 2014, Tri-State repaid its RUS debt. At its July 2019 board meeting, Tri-State's board voted to add new members to the wholesale cooperative, which eliminates the Federal Power Act exception.

Tri-State will become fully rate regulated for the first time

Following the board's action, Tri-State will file a wholesale rate tariff with the FERC. The rate is expected to become effective sixty days after filing.

For the first time, Tri-State will be fully rate regulated. Tri-State would be required to file proposed rates with FERC, and FERC would establish just and reasonable rates through its regular rate setting process.

Any Tri-State member would have the right to participate in that process, including any hearings. In addition, any single member or customer would have the right to file a complaint at FERC over any Tri-State rate or proposed rate.

Tri-State will continue to work constructively with state leaders on resource planning, renewable energy and environmental issues

FERC regulation will not affect resource planning, carbon reduction or renewable energy regulation in the states in which Tri-State operates.

"We look forward to continued engagement with the Governors, legislative leadership, commissions and stakeholders to achieve our shared goals," said Tri-State CEO Duane Highley. "Tri-State is committed to reducing emissions, expanding renewables, lowering costs to our members and creating opportunities in all the states we serve."

Tri-State has long considered federal rate regulation

The board has discussed potential FERC jurisdiction for years, prompted by the assertion of rate regulation in New Mexico and Colorado. In 2012, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission suspended Tri-State's rates from going into effect, resulting in New Mexico members paying different rates than members in other states.

In 2013, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission also asserted jurisdiction regarding a rate complaint from three members.



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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

SECRETARY OF STATE JENA GRISWOLD ALERTS COLORADO BUSINESSES OF MISLEADING FILING SOLICITATIONS

Special to the Mirror

COLORADO-The Colorado Secretary of State's office is alerting small business owners about potentially misleading notices requesting an extra fee for a third party to file business documents. The Secretary of State's office has received multiple reports of these potentially deceptive or misleading solicitations being sent to Colorado businesses. The Colorado Secretary of State maintains an easy to use online filing system for businesses. Use of a third party to complete filings with the Secretary of State is not required.

The solicitation may:

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ness records.

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Contain a warning to make sure that the form's instructions are followed exactly when completing the form.

Contain a due date for your response.

Mention a periodic report.

Please be advised that the Colorado Secretary of State's office does not send these solicitations. The Secretary of State's office does not mail out business filing forms and compliance with these notices is not required.

All business filings, including annual Periodic Reports, are filed online. The current fee for filing the Periodic Report is only \$10. Business owners can find instructions

to easily and directly file business forms on the Secretary of State's website under the [Business Organizations](#) heading.

"We want to make sure Coloradans have the tools they need for their businesses to succeed. We have an easy-to-use and affordable business filing system. Business owners should be wary of third-party solicitations related to filing requirements," said Secretary of State Jena Griswold.

In order to receive advance notice of when Periodic Reports, Trademark renewals, or Trade Name renewals are due, business owners can sign up online for free Email Notifications.

Additionally, business owners can visit www.sos.state.co.us to verify their business status, file a form or obtain a free certification.

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY: I-70 TRAFFIC STOPS NEAR VAIL NEXT WEEK

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EAGLE COUNTY – The Colorado Department of Transportation will intermittently stop traffic on eastbound and westbound Interstate 70 through Dowd Canyon (mile 171 – 173) next week for rock mitigation operations. Dowd Canyon is between the west end of Vail and the junction of U.S. 6 & 24 (Dowd Junction).

Beginning on Monday, July 15, and continuing through Thursday, July 18, traffic will be stopped for approximately 30 minutes between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. The traffic stops will take place once or twice an hour until about 4 p.m. In addition, cyclists and pedestrians also will not be permitted to travel on the bike path through Dowd Canyon while I-70 is closed to traffic. CDOT must stop traffic whenever rock work is taking place above highways to maintain safety for the traveling public. And, due to safety and visibility requirements, rock work must be per-

formed during daylight hours.

As part of its Whole System – Whole Safety campaign, CDOT prioritizes the removal or the securing of potential, identified hazards such as loose rocks and boulders. This operation will provide I-70 drivers with a safety enhancement through an area that is prone to rock-fall.

Remember to Slow for the Cone Zone

The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones. Do not speed in work zones; obey the posted speed limits. Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected. Watch for workers; drive with caution. Don't change lanes unnecessarily. Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones. Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you. Be especially alert at night while driving in

work zones.

Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

[Allow ample space](#) between you and the car in front of you.

Anticipate lane shifts, and merge when directed to do so.

Be Patient!

To heighten safety awareness, CDOT recently announced its [Whole System - Whole Safety](#) initiative. This project takes a systematic statewide approach to safety combining the benefits of CDOT's programs that address human factors, physical assets and organizational culture to better support real time operations. The goal is to improve the safety of Colorado's transportation network by reducing the rate and severity of crashes and improving safety conditions for those traveling by all transportation modes.

The program has one simple mission - to get everyone home safely.



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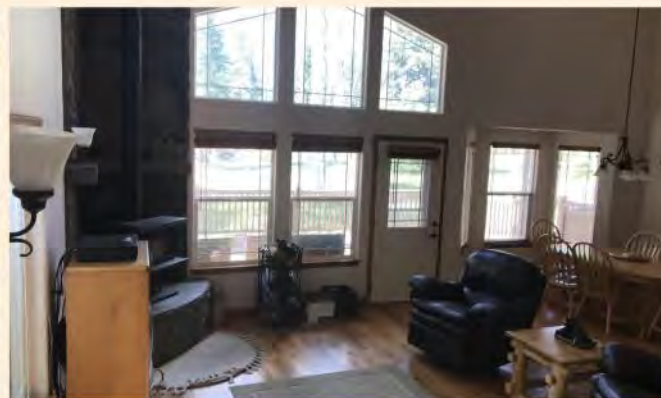
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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

SAN MIGUEL POWER ASKS TRI-STATE G&T TO ALLOW MORE TIME ON FERC REGULATION

Special to the Mirror

RIDGWAY-Electricity wholesaler, Tri-State Generation and Transmission (Tri-State), which is not currently regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), has announced plans to introduce a new class of membership, which would cause it to fall under FERC jurisdiction. As one of 43 members of Tri-State, San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) has issued the following letter requesting that Tri-State take more time to consider the move before taking action:

Dear Rick Gordon, Duane Highley and Scott Wolfe:

We are writing to you on the issue of Tri-State becoming rate regulated under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or FERC. We respectfully ask Tri-State to be methodical and to allow adequate time for a more complete understanding of this process by the membership. The reason for this request is twofold; First, it is counterproductive and out of sequence for Tri-State to introduce a new class of membership without first engaging the contract committee and receiving the benefit of the recommendations it produces. We believe it is imperative for the committee to have a full understanding of the value, impact and need for this new membership, before any board action. We assert that the committee should be provided an opportunity to make recommendations to the board regarding any new class of membership prior to any being created.

Second, there is benefit to providing a more in-depth analysis of the reasons for, and ramifications of becoming FERC regulated. This can be partially achieved by providing memorialized responses to the questions already asked at the committee and through other channels. We request that you allow time for further questions and answers regarding the purpose, process and anticipated impact to the membership. Your attention and consideration towards these requests are greatly appreciated.

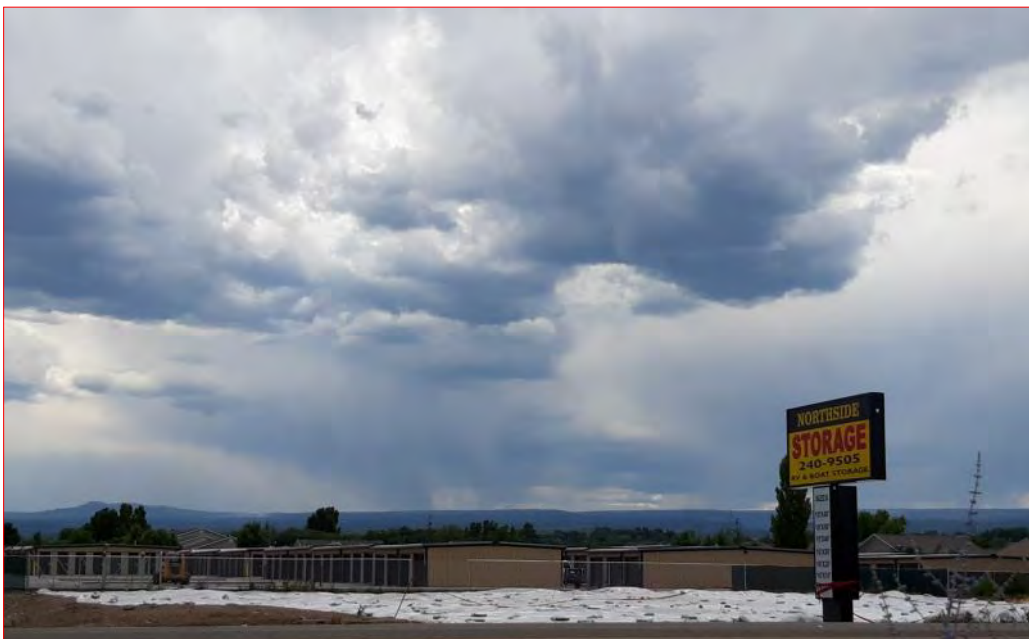
Sincerely,

Brad Zaporski

San Miguel Power Association

General Manager / CEO

PLASTIC COVERED DEMOLITION SITE DRAWS CONCERNS



Mirror staff photo

MONTROSE-Removal of an old house at 1112 Spring Creek has drawn concern from citizens over possible asbestos because the site was immediately covered with a layer of white plastic.

Though owners could not be reached for comment, Montrose County Planning & Development Director Steve White said that current uses are allowed and the County is not involved. "I don't know what the plastic is about," White said, "Perhaps it is a state requirement...maybe some testing." The commercial site will eventually be used for RV storage, he said.

OPINION/EDITORIAL: LETTERS

UPDATE FROM THE OFFICIAL RECALL GOVERNOR JARED POLIS GROUP



Editor:

This Group will not start our Recall until we have everything in line to and know that we can finish the

Recall and know that we did everything that we could to make it to finish successfully and win the Recall of Governor Jared Polis.

As most of you know THERE HAS BEEN A PETITION TO RECALL POLIS FILED BY AN EXTENSION GROUP OF THE RESIST POLIS PAC AND RECALL ET. ALL. This petition has been approved by the Secretary of State and sources are reporting to us that this was done with MALINTENT. Investigative journalist, Scott Rider, has confirmed that he spoke with REGISTERED AGENT AND DESIGNATED FILING AGENT of the DISMISSER GROUP and has damaging information. There is a lot more to come on this - stay tuned and please let me know if you have any information regarding the hijacking of the recall from THE PEOPLE. Thank you for your support during these crazy but telling times. If the progressives went this far to try to kick the legs out from under The People's grassroots recall effort, what else are they willing to do? It was right out of the play book - they joined our group pretending to be supporting allies (already had a PAC and offered to be our Pro-Bono Atty), they took key positions in our group, brought in a network and created conflict (problem), they used that conflict to justify absconding with our money, url, data and then started another group. They used media assets to slander and discredit us and then amplified the conflict to create fear (2 petitions rhetoric). Using certain high-ranking GOP members to advance their platform and to give them an advantage over The People's grassroots effort (with data and a

walking app that was denied to the Official Recall). They used their influence and privilege as attorneys to take down the Official Recall website and continued to infiltrate the private FB group to create conflict, recruit and confuse members and get intel in effort to find new ways to hurt the recall effort. After doing this (and much more) and making it nearly impossible to build infrastructure and raise funds, they then created the "solution" with a "neutral" third party. The Official Recall organizers, moderators and members have been, and are dealing with, a real life type of dirty digital, political, spiritual and psychological warfare designed to BULLY We The People to take away OUR VOICE AWAY - The People will not stand for this -- WILL YOU?

As a citizen, and no matter what party you ascribe to, and even if you disagree with our recall, everyone should be up in arms about this. We are losing our freedom, our state and our country to a well-planned out infiltration. Clearly, after only being in politics for three months and getting my rear end kicked every single day, it is much worse than I had ever imagined. We MUST stand up and expose this.

What has happened to the original and only ORCGJP is unbelievable, but we are not giving up. Despite all this, The People and the Official Recall Colorado Governor Jared Polis have still managed to build one of the largest private membership groups in CO on FB and have raised more than \$100,000 in three months. Our grassroots effort is backed by 41,000 + American Patriots and we are not going to let a political Game of Thrones by corrupt People get in the way of asserting our God-given rights.

P.S. The true colors of the The Official Recall Colorado Governor Jared Polis are Red, White, and Blue and the green that encompasses our logo represents grassroots. I thought you should know that because we are being invaded by those that prefer commie colors which are the true

colors of those that are trying to hijack our movement.

Sincerely,

Juli-Andra Fuentes

Chair Person of

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-OK Montrose everyone has been saying that you want information from us on what is happening I do not know if this answers your questions, but this is the best that I have I will have more information next week.

We want you to do what you think is best for you and if you think that signing the Petition of Dismiss Polis is the right thing to do, do it. You still have 58 days left to sign their Petition. Just remember that when you once sign a Petition and it is recorded, that is where your signature will stay and if you sign more then one Petition and it is recorded they will discard your signature.

We will have 60 days from the day that we start our Petitions for anyone to sign. As soon as information comes out we will post it on FaceBook and on Montrose Mirror.

Please check out all of the people running Dismiss Polis and ask questions and if you think they are the best, sign their Petition, If you have questions, about Dismiss Polis Petition. Wait for our Petition to come out and ask questions to our people and then sign the Petition that you trust the most.

The Montrose Office will be CLOSED NEXT WEEK AND WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019 AT 11:00am to 2:00pm, we will be open Monday through Friday. Hope to see you then and to have more information for you at that time.

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COLORADO NEWS BRIEFS

UTAH RESIDENT, OWNER OF NORTHWEST COLORADO GAME HUNTING RANCH CONVICTED OF IMPORTING PROHIBITED SHEEP



A mouflon sheep, prohibited in Colorado. Photo is from a social media post brought to the attention of CPW officers. (Photo/CPW).

Special to the Mirror

MEEKER - A months-long Colorado Parks and Wildlife investigation of a private hunting ranch near the northwest Colorado community of Dinosaur began with the discovery of several prohibited exotic sheep species on the property and ended with last month's conviction of the business owner from Utah.

On June 19, Vernal resident Michael

Gates, 34, owner of DJ Rams LLC pleaded guilty to his crime in a Rio Blanco County courtroom. He received a one-year deferred judgment sentence for possession of prohibited, non-native sheep. In addition, he must pay fines and court costs totaling over \$1,400 and perform 60 hours of useful public service. He was also assessed five suspension points against his hunting and fishing privileges. In the future, he must comply with all CPW and Colorado Department of Agriculture inspections and requirements or risk additional fines and the potential loss of his operation.

Officers say Gates illegally imported and possessed several exotic sheep species for his clients to hunt, including Mouflon sheep hybrids, Texas Dall sheep and Painted Desert sheep, all prohibited in Colorado.

"Based on our investigation, Mr. Gates knew these sheep were prohibited but that did not stop him," said Wildlife Officer Nate Martinez. "He decided to risk the health of our native wildlife and local domestic sheep simply for profit."

Wildlife officials say the prohibition is needed to protect native wildlife from hybridization with non-native species, avert the potential spread of disease to native sheep populations and prevent

severe damage to habitat.

"If they had escaped, these prohibited sheep could all survive in Colorado's harsh climate," said Martinez. "The disease issue is a major concern, as well as the potential impacts to native habitat and all of the native species that depend on it."

Martinez says the biggest threat would be to the native population of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep within nearby Dinosaur National Monument, and to domestic sheep within neighboring sheep-grazing allotments.

Officers learned of the illegal sheep last summer after wildlife officers received a tip from an informant that had seen a social media post featuring the illegal sheep Gates had brought to the ranch.

"Protecting native wildlife and local domestic sheep operations is of utmost importance to CPW and Colorado Department of Agriculture," said Northwest Regional Manager JT Romatzke. "Our officers will do whatever is necessary to protect both by vigorously enforcing Colorado's laws." Martinez thanked Deputy District Attorney Jessica King for her work on the case. To anonymously provide information about a wildlife violation, the public can contact Operation Game Thief at 877-265-6648. Rewards are available if the information leads to an arrest or conviction.

GMUG AND WESTERN TO HOST TAYLOR PARK FIELD TRIP

Special to the Mirror

GUNNISON - The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Gunnison Ranger District, in partnership with Western Colorado University, will be hosting a public field trip for the Taylor Park Vegetation Management project on Wednesday, July 24. Interested individuals are invited to attend this all-day event and interact with staff from the GMUG as they tour areas that display both poor and desired forest health condi-

tions and timber treatments sites. The field trip will be facilitated by Western Colorado University's Center for Public Lands. Participants will be leaving Western Colorado University at 8 a.m. and returning to this location by 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending please contact Maddie Rehn, Center for Public Lands Coordinator, by Monday, July 22. Maddie can be reached at mrehn@western.edu. The Taylor Park Vegetation Management project aims to increase the forest's ability

to respond to multiple negative stressors including climate change, drought, insect attack and disease through reduction of fuel loading in the Wildland-Urban Interface and surrounding areas. The secondary purpose of these treatments is to provide wood products for the regional economy. It is currently in the planning and environmental analysis process. Information on specifics about the project can be accessed at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53662>

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

POLICE SEEK SUSPECT IN ARMED ROBBERY



Courtesy photo Montrose Police Department.

Special to the Mirror

MONTROSE- On Thursday morning July 11, at 2:21 a.m., the Montrose Police Department was dispatched to 938 South Townsend Avenue for a reported armed robbery of the business at that location.

The male suspect was reportedly dressed all in black with a multicolored bandana covering his face. It was also reported that the suspect had a firearm in his possession

during the incident. The suspect reportedly left the scene before officers were alerted to the incident. Officers were not able to locate any persons in the area matching the description provided.

According to an employee of the business, the male suspect approached him with the firearm visible, made some comments, and directed the employee to the store's register.

The suspect threatened the employee during the event and ultimately left the business on foot with currency taken from the register.

This is an active investigation and the Montrose Police Department encourages anyone with information as to the identity of this suspect to call dispatch at 970.249.9110.

GMUG OPENS FREE FUELWOOD HARVEST AREA

Special to the Mirror

NORWOOD- The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests' Norwood Ranger District has opened a free fuelwood harvest area of decked ponderosa pine on the Uncompahgre Plateau. Individuals interested in harvesting from these fuelwood decks can obtain a permit from either the Norwood or Ouray Ranger District offices. Permits for personal usage are free, while commercial usage permits are available for \$5 per cord (four cord minimum). The harvest area will be open from July 15 to October 31, 2019.

The fuelwood decks are remnants of the Horsefly Project and are located within

the project area, approximately 20 miles northeast of Norwood. The Horsefly Project was implemented in partnership with the Mule Deer Foundation as a continuation of the Sanborn Park Treatment Project to reduce the potential for severe wildfires along the wildland-urban interface. As a result, the project area has reduced wildfire fuel loading, increased vegetation diversity and improved wildlife habitat.

A valid Fuelwood Permit must be in the physical possession of any person harvesting firewood from National Forest System lands. Personal use firewood cannot be sold, commercial permits have been made available. Permits can be ob-

tained at the following locations:

Norwood Ranger District - 1150 Forest Street, Norwood, CO

8 am to 5 pm; Monday - Friday
970-327-4261

Ouray Ranger District - 2505 South Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO

8 am to 4:30 pm; Monday - Friday
970-240-5300

Forest visitors are also encouraged to "Know Before You Go" by calling the local ranger district for forest and road conditions, along with regulations and current fire restrictions.

For more information on Fuelwood Permits visit our website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/fuelwood>

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ART & SOL

RIDGWAY 9TH GRADER HEADED TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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RIDGWAY-Canyon Ishikawa, a 9th grader at Ridgway High School, placed third in high jump for his age category at the U.S.A. Track & Field (USATF) Region 10 Junior Olympics in Mesa, Arizona on July 6. As one of the top five high jumpers in the 13-14 year old boys, Ishikawa is qualified to compete at the USATF National Junior Olympic Championships in Sacramento on July 25, when he will compete against athletes from around the nation.

He is an athlete on the Ouray Track Team as well as the Ouray Cross Country Running Team, both of which include students from Ouray, Ridgway and Silverton schools. He is also a basketball player for Ridgway High School. At right, courtesy photo.



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GETTING IT WRITE...A FRESH TAKE ON A CLASSIC CHARACTER



Jack Switzer, 16.

By Jack Switzer
MONTROSE-I sit in the movie theater with two of my friends, eyes on the wide screen in front of us. Advertisements scroll by, as we anxiously wait for the movie to begin

playing.

We had been waiting around five months for this movie, as its precursor was an incredible, well-written film. The theater grew dark, five months of anticipation were fulfilled, and I don't think I've ever been more surprised at how a movie can capture a character who has been por-

trayed countless times, in a new, and refreshing way...somehow taking what we already know and spinning it into something that can send you reeling with excitement.

Spiderman: far from home, directed by Jon Watts, is a cinematic masterpiece that perfectly captures and sculpts Spiderman as the hero he was always meant to be: a teenager, who is suddenly thrown into this new world of being a superhero, faced with the task of filling a position he could never hope to fill, while balancing high school relationships on the side and trying not to fall behind.

Not only is Peter Parker properly defined, so is the villain, who I will not name in case anybody reading hasn't seen it yet and wishes to. His motivation makes

sense, his dialogue perfectly captures what his personality is, what drives him, and what he desires most. In fact, every character in this movie feels like a real person, all of them unique and well defined.

I have been trying to find a con to watching this movie, but I just can't seem to think of one. The effects, the cgi, the plot...all of it is beautiful in its own way, and carefully put together to create this masterpiece of a movie.

I don't think I've ever been so blown away by a movie that when the end credits finally show up on screen I want to go back and buy another ticket to see it again. Overall, this movie is a masterpiece, and I cannot wait for the next MCU installment of the Spiderman franchise.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

RIDGWAY HOSTS 32nd ANNUAL 'SUNDAY IN THE PARK'



Special to Art & Sol

RIDGWAY-Beautiful weather kicked off a day of friends, fellowship, and fun at the 32nd Annual 'Sunday in the Park' at Ridgway's Hartwell Park on July 7th. Approximately 400 people participated in the patriotic service followed by a BBQ lunch and a concert by 'The Hubbard Family Band,' a country gospel band from Texas.

The speaker was Green Beret Will Summer, a retired communications Sergeant of Operation Detachment-Alpha 595, the Army Special Forces team featured in the book "Horse Riders" and the movie "12 Strong".

This community-wide event is held each year in celebration of the freedoms and privileges we enjoy as Americans.

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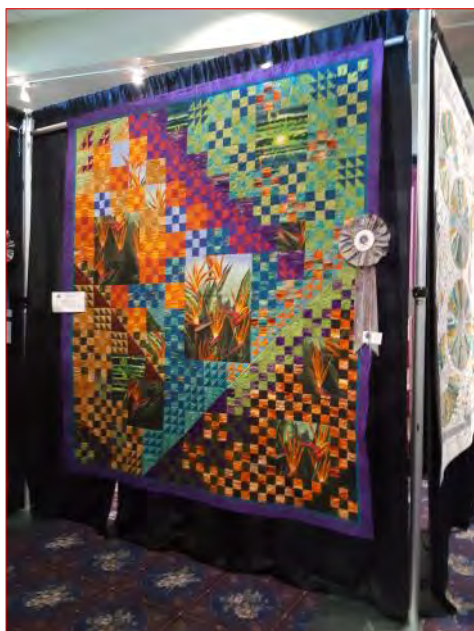
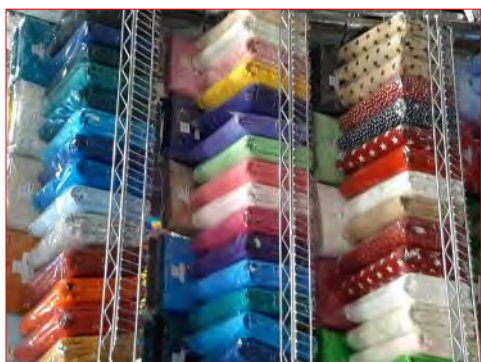
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

RADIO ROOM PRESENTS REVEREND FREAKCHILD LIVE IN CONCERT

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GRAND JUNCTION-New York City- based musician, singer, and songwriter Reverend Freakchild will be performing LIVE in the KAFM Radio Room on Friday, August 9th at 7:30 p.m. He is best known for his distinct blues style incorporating elements of psychedelic and country music.

A well rounded musician, Reverend Freakchild has performed in many bands including Soul Coughing, Bananafish, The Neptune Ensemble, The Soul Miners, The Lucky Devils, and The Cosmic All-Stars touring internationally! Additionally, Reverend Freakchild has spent 3 years off and on Broadway singing blues and spirituals on Sundays at Tobacco Road. He has also served as a member and featured soloist for the Metro Mass Gospel Choir performing in notable venues such as Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, and Town Hall Theater. His music has been featured in many television programs and commercials in addition to national radio advertising campaigns.

Reverend Freakchild currently resides in Colorado as he pursues a Master of Divinity Degree at Naropa University to complement his degrees in philosophy and religion. Reverend Freakchild declares, "Music is my religion. Through song I seek transcendence!"

Join us on Friday, Aug. 9! Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by calling (970) 241-8801 or online at www.kafmradio.org.

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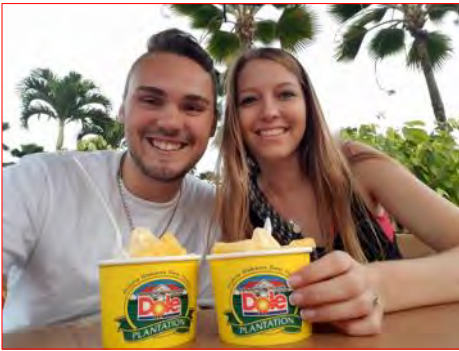
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FPC WELCOMES FAMILY/CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATORS: ZACH HARTMANN AND DEBRA DESARIO



Zach and Kadie Hartmann

Special to Art & Sol

MONTROSE-First Presbyterian Church Montrose recently hired Zachary Hartmann of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Debra DeSario, Montrose, to join their ministry staff.

Hartmann leads the youth ministry program at FPC and said he and summer interns Noah Bullock and Nolan Check have a long list of activities to accomplish before the summer is over.

Hartmann comes to Montrose after serving as associate youth director at the Dexter, Mich., United Methodist Church and has been a volunteer youth group leader there and at the New Life Church at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

He received his bachelor of science in sport management with minor in marketing degree from Eastern Michigan University in May. His wife Kadie is an elementary school teacher and is seeking a job in the Montrose School District.

"I cannot wait to come and be a part of what God is doing in Montrose and at FPC," Hartmann said.

Already he and the interns have set up numerous activities including hiking, movie and game nights, bowling, camping, river rafting and much more. He said more information on events can be found at fpcmontrose.com or contact him at zacharyhartmann@gmail.com. Youth regularly meet Sunday nights in the FPC BOB (Building Out Back) 1840 E. Niagara Road from 6-8 p.m.

"Through incredible mentors, years of experience as a small group leader, several internships, now being associate youth



Debra and John DeSario

director and developing and running a whole new recreation ministry from the ground up, I feel God has been preparing me to take on this next step as I enter into full time ministry at FPC," Hartmann said, "I'm excited to bring all of my experiences and the lessons God has taught me over the last five years working in youth ministry to serve this church and community."

Debra DeSario, FPC Montrose's new family and children's ministry coordinator, is not new to Montrose.

DeSario said she was born and raised in Texas on a cattle ranch.

"My church youth group would come skiing every year in Durango and I fell in love with beautiful Colorado!" she said, "I graduated college in East Texas at Stephen F. Austin University with a degree in speech communication and spent a decade in full-time Christian camping working with children and adults in every capacity involved to make a retreat/camp run."

She said she was in graduate school working on a master's degree in marriage and family counseling but "put that dream on hold to be a stay-at-home mom."

She has been busy since she and her husband John brought their family to Montrose several years ago, she said. In recent years she served as director of MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers), which meets

the second and fourth Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. during the school year at FPC.

She has passed that torch to Heather Stark montrosemops@gmail.com but said she has a vision to give MOPS a "couple of more legs to stand on." She said she would like to tie MOPS more closely with the FPC family and children's ministry and lend support.

"We all go through times where we're overwhelmed, what's truly important to kids, to family," she said, "I'd like to have our families leave something...a passion and knowledge that they, too, can have freedom through Christ."

MOPS will start back up Sept. 10 and continue the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month during the school year at FPC from 9-11 a.m.

DeSario explained where MOPS and ministry support helped her and her family get through a tough time after the minivan she was packing the kids into after changing a diaper was struck by a drunk driver—the children were not seriously harmed but she was.

"It really is about having fellowship with people who help build you up spiritually, mentally and intellectually." She already has a women's Bible study group meeting Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. at FPC and said she is contemplating starting another Bible study to include home-school moms and some fun activities to get dads involved.

"There is a playdate at FPC Tuesday, Aug. 13 from 9-11 a.m.," she said, For more information on activities contact DeSario at debradesario@gmail.com.

There's a lot DeSario wants to do.

"I absolutely love hiking, being in the sunshine and being around people." DeSario said, and will incorporate much of that in the FPC family and children's ministry activities.

DeSario's husband John is a high school math teacher/interventionist/testing coordinator at Vista Charter School in Montrose. She said he holds a bachelor of science degree in math and a master's degree in theology.

Debra said he has served as a pastor in

FPC WELCOMES FAMILY/CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATORS: ZACH HARTMANN AND DEBRA DESARIO From previous pg

Texas and Colorado and continues along that path; he is a natural and fulfilling partner of hers in ministry. He often drops in to participate in the activities and will be great help in drawing up plans to include whole families.

"We have so many things going on and in the planning stages," she said.

Right now there is a Jesus League, a kind

of drop-in vacation Bible camp, on Wednesdays at the FPC BOB from 2-4 p.m., she said, "Everyone can be a superhero at Jesus League!" This children's program is an extension of the every Wednesday 2-4 p.m. hangout FPC hosts for kids during the school year.

And there is Kids Connection (Sunday school) Sundays during the church 9 a.m.

service. Nursery care is always available at this FPC church service, she said, and can be arranged for the 10:45 a.m. service.

"I understand the needs of families with young children and my strength and comfort comes from 2 Corinthians 1:4—learning how to live life in abundance—through His comfort, we can comfort others," she said.

SOUTHWEST VIEWS TO OPEN AT THE WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE



Natalie Heller. Courtesy image.



Angela Moyer. Courtesy image.



Rod Martinez. Courtesy image.



Denise Bush. Courtesy image.

Special to Art & Sol

OURAY-Four local photographers will be represented in an upcoming exhibit at the Wright Opera House in Ouray, July 27-Sept. 20, 2019.

Natalie Heller of Ridgway is author of the five time award winning "Southwest Colorado," a photography/coffee table book. Her work "Gotta Run" took "Best in Show" at the 2018 Artist's Alpine Holiday.

Angela Moyer of Montrose is an award winning landscape photographer. Angela derives great pleasure in "capturing the

fleeting moments of the ever changing landscape so that others may enjoy nature's evolving story. Her image of "Shiprock at Sunset" received 1st place in photography at the 2018 Artist Alpine Holiday show.

Rod Martinez of Grand Junction has been named Grand Junction Photographer of the Year for 4 years in a row. He is author of 5 Colorado Mountain Club pack guides including the Best 20 Telluride Hikes. Rod is the current president of The Ouray County Arts Association.

Denise Bush of Ridgway moved to this

area in the summer of 2015. With fresh and wonderful landscape subjects to inspire her, she immediately put her camera to work to build her "Colorful Colorado" collection. In addition to receiving many awards over the years, Denise has also served as photography judge for several organizations.

Southwest Views' opening reception will be held on Friday, August 9 from 4-6pm at the Wright Opera House, 427 Main St, Ouray, CO.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes

Waiting for those words that could change one's life



Goodtimes family photo: Granddaughter Aurora, daughter Iris, dog Easy, stepson Wylde, boyfriend Dylan, stepdaughter Sara, son Greg, the old man, son-in-law Bert, son Rio. (photo by Marie Luna).



Wind farm near Monticello (courtesy photo).

PROGNOSIS ... Spent a day traveling 90 miles to Monticello to get the results of the biopsy of my fourth colonoscopy's two polyps two weeks after the surgery. A lot of time to think about my dear friend Robin's final session of chemotherapy and buddy Chris's having been told the expected number of months he has left to live ... I flash on all the unfinished projects on my plate. Hoping there's still more time allotted to get some of them done ... In the distance I see twenty plus giant wind turbine blades slicing white against a hazy blue sky above the Blue Mountains in red Utah ... "Benign" the Doc says.

MISSED WEEK ... Apologies for missing a week. My daughter, my son-in-law and

granddaughter are visiting from San Francisco, and with doctor visits and other responsibilities I didn't get a chance to do my weekly column ... I do confess to holding to the dictum, family first -- no matter what job I work at, especially in these later years when I'm as much retired as committed to working.

ANCIENT CANNABIS ... The first physical evidence of Cannabis use has turned up high in the mountains of Western China, according to recent news reports. Chemical analysis of wooden incense burners from a 2,500-year-old tomb in the Pamir Mountains -- adjacent the Himalayas and known in Victorian times as the "Roof of the World" -- turned up residues of tetra-

hydrocannabinol (THC). Study co-author Dr. Yimin Yang of the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, suggests the burners were used in mortuary rituals in which participants would place heated stones in the wooden braziers and cover them with Cannabis leaves. The resultant smoke, he says, was likely used "to communicate with nature or spirits or deceased people, accompanied by music" ... The residue tested for high levels of THC, suggesting the plants may have been cultivated, since wild strains tend to have lower levels.

PANARCHY ... "Think of us as cheatgrass," McRedeye says ... Recycling. Best practices. Reduce. Reuse. Reimagine ... In spite of the best attempts of our species to tame our monkey minds, weeds supplant the native flora. Fellow critters and fungal clades disappear. It's basic biology ... Some populations thrive and then go rare with changing conditions. Go extinct. Make niches for the next wave of adaptive immigrants. Invaders ... And some populations play the hockey stick and boom exponentially, until KABOOM! There's a crash and things disintegrate. Perhaps eventually stabilize a bit. Byte by bite ... Wise teachings, direct experience, entheogens

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Up Bear Creek by Art Goodtimes, continued

shatter our landscape of primal urges and autonomic responses. Can find us a cultural path to equilibrium. Gift us with societies that can sustain things for as much as seven generations (though with our current anthropogenic Doppler shift, we'd be lucky for any temporary balancing act to last even a lifetime) ... McRedeye's last word: Strap on those social seatbelts – one's circle of friends, lifestyle, local community institutions. Earthquakes are coming ... But today, in direct contradiction of all prediction, along the rowdy San Miguel, in the middle of a multi-year drought, a wet year's explosion of wildflowers transforms a Rocky Mountain superfund site.

FLESH-EATING BACTERIA ... As if the list of terrible things taking place due to climate-change isn't long enough, eating shellfish on the East Coast has just gotten a bit risk-

ier.

Five folks from New Jersey have been hospitalized after contracting *Vibrio vulnificus* – a dangerous flesh-eating bacteria. One of the five died.

All of them had either eaten or handled crabs or other seafood from Delaware Bay ... Spread through contaminated shellfish, the bacteria is actually relatively common off the coasts of Virginia and Maryland, as well as in the Gulf of Mexico. But it hadn't been seen further north except rarely, one case in eight years in Jersey ... New research suggests that warmer sea temperatures are now allowing the infection to thrive in northern waters that used to be too cold to sustain the bacteria ... Authorities warned people in at-risk areas to avoid swimming in bays or seawater if they have open wounds, and to thoroughly cook any shellfish before eating it.

WEEKLY QUOTA ... “Many of those who possess more resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing their symptoms, simply making efforts to reduce some of the negative impacts of climate change.

However, many of these symptoms indicate that such effects will continue to worsen if we continue with current models of production and consumption.

There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced, for example, substituting for fossil fuels and developing sources of renewable energy.” –Pope Francis, from his encyclical *Laudato Si*, On Care of our Common Home (2015)

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Montrose County Fair & Rodeo

July 22 - July 27, 2019

Monday, July 15

7:00pm Jr. Horse Test (Hall)

Friday, July 19

8:00am Check In 4-H General Projects (Hall)

9:00am Interview Judging Begins (Hall)

Saturday, July 20

8:00am Jr./Open Working Ranch Horse Show (Event Center)

8:00am Vendor Setup (Hall)

3:00pm Jr./Open Gymkhana (Event Center)

Sunday, July 21

8:00am Jr./Open Horse Show (Event Center)

8:00am Vendor Setup (Hall)

9:00am - 2:00pm Open Show Entries (Hall)

4:00pm Jr. Dog Agility (Event Center)

6:00pm Wild Mustang Show (Arena)

Monday, July 22 - Fair Opens To the Public

7:00am - 10:00am Swine Check/Weigh In

8:00am - 10:00am Poultry Check/Weigh In

9:00am - 6:00pm Open Show Entries

10:00am - 12:00pm Rabbit Check/Weigh In

10:00am - 12:00pm Beef Check/Weigh In

12:00pm - 2:00pm Sheep & Goat Check/Weigh In

2:00pm Kids Craft (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

2:30pm Jr. Participant Meeting (Show Ring)

3:00pm Chicken Little Show (Show Ring)

3:00pm Jr./Open Poultry Show (Show Ring)

4:00pm Mutton Bustin Eliminations (Arena)

6:00pm Kiddie Tractor Pull (Sale Barn)

7:00pm Parade (Main Street)

Tuesday, July 23

7:00am - 10:00am Open Entry Food Drop Off (Hall)

8:00am Royalty Horsemanship (Arena)

8:30am Peter Rabbit Show (Show Ring)

8:30am Jr. Rabbit Show (Show Ring)

9:00am Open Judging Wood Working & Legos (Hall)

10:00am Open Judging Food (Hall)

10:00am Kids Craft (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

11:00am Live Music Donny Morales (Hall)

12:00pm Kids Sidewalk Chalk Contest (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

1:00pm Cupcake Decorating (Hall)

1:00pm Jr. Dog Show (Event Center)

2:30pm Live Music Rusty Wouters (Hall)

4:00pm Black Canyon Gymnastics Demonstration (Hall)

5:00pm Community Night BBQ (Arena)

6:45pm Contestants T-Shirt Picture (Arena)

7:00pm Community Night Entertainment (Arena)

Wednesday, July 24

8:30am Kids with Kids (Show Ring)

9:00am Jr./Open Goat Show (Show Ring)

9:00am Open Judging Art & Living Arts (Hall)

10:00am Kids Craft (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

1:00pm Royalty Modeling (Hall)

2:00pm Live Music Donny Morales (Hall)

3:00pm Fashion Revue (Hall)

CONTINUED Wednesday, July 24

4:00pm Montrose Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Demonstration (Hall)

4:30pm This Little Pig (Show Ring)

5:00pm Jr. Swine Show (Show Ring)

5:00pm Pork & Pepsi (Hall)

5:00pm Live Music Rusty Wouters (Hall)

6:00pm Antique Tractor Pull (Arena)

6:00pm Eating Contest (Hall)



Thursday, July 25

8:30am Merry Little Lamb (Show Ring)

9:00am Jr./Open Sheep Show (Show Ring)

10:00am Kids Craft (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

11:00am Kids Hot Wheels Race (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

11:00am The Perceptives (Hall)

12:00pm Cutest Baby Contest (Hall)

1:00pm Horse Awards (Hall)

2:00pm The Perceptives (Hall)

3:00pm Time to Dance (Hall)

3:30pm Bucket Calf Show (Show Ring)

4:00pm Jr. Beef Show (Show Ring)

6:00pm Wild Mustang Main Performance (Arena)

6:00pm Team Roping (Event Center)

Friday, July 26

7:00am - 9:00am Swine Sale Pictures

9:00am - 10:00am Lamb/Goat Sale Pictures

10:00am - 11:00am Beef Sale Pictures

10:00am Kids Craft (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

10:00am Small Animal Round Robin (Show Ring)

11:30am Large Animal Round Robin (Show Ring)

1:00pm Kids Activity (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

1:00pm The Perceptives (Hall)

3:00pm The Perceptives (Hall)

4:00pm Pig Scramble (Show Ring)

7:00pm Gary Russell Band (Event Center) - \$10

Saturday, July 27

8:00am Rodeo Slack (Arena)

10:00am Kids Craft (Cattlegirl's Pavilion)

10:00am Royalty Experience (Hall)

11:00am Buyers Lunch (Event Center)

11:00am The Perceptives (Hall)

1:00pm Jr. Livestock Auction (Show Ring)

2:00pm Montrose Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Demonstration (Hall)

2:00pm Fiddle Contest (Event Center)

6:30pm Crowning of Royalty (Arena)

7:00pm CPRA RAM Rodeo (Arena) -

\$10 for Adults \$5 for Kids 12 and under

8:00pm 4H/FFA Dance (Event Center)

Sunday, July 28

6:00am-9:00am Buyback and Processor Load Out

8:00am-12:00pm Premium Pick Up, Tear-down

8:00am- 2:00pm Vendor Tear-down

9:30am-12:00pm Animal Load Out

5:00pm All stalls and pens must be clean

*This schedule is subject to change. Please visit
montrosecountyfairand rodeo.com for the most up-to-date information.*

SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

CURRENT/ONGOING-

BOSOM BUDDIES OF SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets every Wednesday from noon till 1 pm at 645 South 5th Street in Montrose. For more info email info@bosombuddieswc.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP meets every third Tuesday of each month at the Centennial Meeting Room at 6pm, behind City Hall. New Watch Groups are formed and guest speakers alert us to safety issues. The public is encouraged to attend. Contact Chris Hebert at 970-901-5876 for details.

ALPINE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEETING-second Tuesday of the month, @ 7 p.m., Community Meeting Room, Montrose Library, 320 S 2nd St. Includes: Presentations, photo sharing & critiques. All are welcome to attend.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 24 hosts Bingo every Saturday and Sunday at 7pm, at the Bingo Connection, 2075 East Main Montrose. Its open to the Public. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.. For more info call Tom at 260-8298.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS meeting every 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. at Friendship Hall in Montrose. All veterans with at least a 10 percent service connected disability are welcome. For more information call (970)964-4375.

MONTROSE TOASTMASTERS

Montrose Toastmasters meets every Monday at 6 pm with official meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. The other Mondays will be "working" meetings. They are held at Brookdale Sunrise Creek, 1968 Sunrise Drive, Montrose, Second Floor, Media Room.

MONTROSE HISTORICAL MUSEUM-"Montrose County Historical Society Presents" is held at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month in the Pioneer Room of Friendship Hall, 1001 N. 2nd St. The public is invited to free programs based on topics of regional history. For more information please call 249-2085.

MONTROSE COUNTY GOP MEETING

6:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month. Montrose County School District Office- 930 Colorado Ave. Information 970-765-7406.

MONTROSE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

Noon - third Fridays. Hampton Inn, 1980 North Townsend Ave. Information: Dianna 970-249-0724

BINGO AT OURAY ELKS-Every Wednesday night, June 5-Aug. 28, @ 7 p.m. Light refreshments available, open to the public.

MONTHLY-

June 1 – Sept. 28--Ridgway Railroad Museum – free rides on RGS Motor 1 (Galloping Goose prototype) 9 am – 3 pm. 200 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway.

July 17-The Cobble Creek book club is hosting the following FREE event open to the public:

Evening With The Author - Susan Purvis author of [Go Find: My Journey to Find the Lost - And Myself](#). July 17, 2019 - 7 pm, Cobble Creek Club House (upstairs).

July 17--From 7-8:30 pm in the Montrose Library Meeting Room, CMU professor John Nizalowski traces the development of science fiction—in print and media--from its pulp origins in the 1920's and 1930's, through the Golden Age of the 1940's & 1950's, to the New Wave movement of the 1960's and 1970's.

July 19-Ridgway State Park, 7:30p.m. "*The Blue Bird Trail*" by Kevin Corwin, Colorado Bluebird Project, long-time volunteer and talented speaker.

July 20-Life Choices Family Resource Center would like to invite you to our open house to celebrate our new location! [Saturday, July 20th from 12 -4](#), 155 Merchant Drive. We will be cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs, so come out and see us!

July 20-Ridgway State Park, 7:30 p.m. "*Wildflowers of the San Juan Region*" Join local authors Mary Menz and Jim Pisarowicz for a visual presentation and book signing of their recently published wildflower guide.

July 22-27-Montrose County Fair & Rodeo, Montrose County Fairgrounds.

Aug. 1-Thursday, August 1, 59th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show - featuring more than 300 works of art by 146 artists. Ouray Community Center, 340 6th Avenue. 10 am-6 pm.

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Aug. 3-Olathe Sweet Corn Festival is proud to announce that BBR Music Group singer-songwriter Craig Campbell will headline the 28th Annual event on Aug. 3, 2019 at the Montrose County Event Center in Montrose. Tickets are now on sale and include General Admission and VIP, with VIP including preferred seating, drinks and dinner. For more information and online ticket sales please visit www.olathesweetcornfest.com.

Aug. 3-Saturday, Aug. 3, 59th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show - featuring more than 300 works of art by 146 artists. Ouray Community Center, 340 6th Avenue. 10 am-6 pm.

Aug. 4-Sunday Aug. 4, 59th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show - featuring more than 300 works of art by 146 artists. Ouray Community Center, 340 6th Avenue. 10 am-6 pm.

Aug. 5-Montrose Women's Giving Club meets at Bridges of Montrose, 2500 Bridges Drive 5:30 to 7 p.m. Club meets once per quarter to select the next non-profit to receive quarterly donations. Each member pays \$100 per quarter plus a \$10 hospitality fee to participate and has the chance to nominate a non-profit. Members must be present to vote.

Aug. 5-Monday, Aug. 5, 59th Artists' Alpine Holiday Art Show - featuring more than 300 works of art by 146 artists. Ouray Community Center, 340 6th Avenue. 10 am-5 pm.

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Aug. 14-Wednesday, Aug. 14th at 6:15pm. Yoga for Cyclists, at the Brewery! Cost: \$10 (cash only). Experience a deep release for those tight legs, hips & back! This unique class will take place on the outdoor patio at 2 Rascals Brewing Co. All mats and props will be provided by Yoga House. All abilities are welcome! After class, grab a cold brew and talk cycling with us!

Aug. 31-Solo guitarist David Rogers performs Saturday, Aug. 31 at 7:30 pm at Healthy Rhythm Art Gallery, 68 S. Grand Ave, Montrose, CO 81401 (323) 270-6284. \$15 - \$20. To learn more visit <http://www.healthyrhythm.net> or <http://www.davidrogersguitar.com/>

Sept. 4--Boomers & Bicycling 10. Sept. 4 @ 9 am - Noon Free. Montrose Senior Center, You are never too old to ride a bicycle... or get back on one! This FREE 3-hour class includes an indoor discussion on bicycle safety and rules of the road, tips for selecting the right gear, and time on your bicycle practicing bicycle handling and balance skills.

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DURANGO BAND JAMS @ INTRINZIK



Liver Down the River performed Friday night at Intrinzik. The crowd adored this Funkadeligrass jam band. Check out Intrinzik's FB page for more upcoming shows or stop in 512 E. Main in Montrose, many craft beers on tap and drink specials. Closed Mondays. Photos by Jen McClanahan



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